AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A welded profile for fitting a digger with a backhoe bucket or a loading shovel, ~~such as a boom and arms,~~ said welded profile comprising:

an upper flange~~s~~ and a lower flange~~s~~; ~~as well as~~

sidewalls ~~which are~~ operatively connected to the upper flange and lower flange; and ~~thereto, characterized in that the sidewalls are provided with~~

upper corner regions and lower corner regions, ~~end regions with~~ having reinforced profiles, ~~profile which form corner regions~~ between ~~of~~ the upper flange and the sidewalls and between the lower flange and the sidewalls, respectively; ~~arranged between the end regions;~~

wherein the ~~end~~ corner regions are formed with separate sheet metal sheets ~~which are adapted to the respective contours of the booms and the arms and~~ that are ~~connected by welding~~ welded to the respective sidewalls,

wherein the sidewalls have ~~with~~ a thinner cross section than the corner regions, and

wherein the sidewalls ~~which are connected to the reinforced profile end regions are provided with~~ include positioning locations for ~~the~~ cylinder attachment points.

2. (Currently Amended) The profile as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least the lower flange is positioned between the ~~end~~ corner regions, so as to be essentially flush with the respective ~~end~~ corner regions.

3. (Currently Amended) The profile as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~end~~ corner regions include ~~are provided with~~ positioning locations for the cylinder attachment points.

4. (Currently Amended) The profile as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~end~~ corner regions include ~~are provided at least in part, with cross-section reducing areas~~ a reducing cross-sectional area.

5. (Currently Amended) The profile as defined in claim ~~1~~ 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the reducing cross-sectional ~~reducing~~ areas faces the respective sidewall.

6. (Currently Amended) The profile as defined in claim ~~1~~ 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~respective~~ reducing cross-sectional ~~reducing~~ area ends flush with ~~the~~ an inside contour of the ~~associated~~ respective sidewall.

7. (Currently Amended) The profile as defined in claim ~~1~~ 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~respective~~ reducing cross-sectional ~~reducing~~ area ends flush with ~~the~~ an outside contour of the ~~associated~~ respective sidewall.

8. (Currently Amended) The profile as defined in claim ~~1~~ 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~respective~~ reducing cross-sectional ~~reducing~~ area converges ~~in the center to flow into the~~ towards an inside and outside contour of the ~~associated~~ respective sidewall ~~side wall~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The profile as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the corner region includes a contour ~~of the end regions provided on~~ connected to the upper flange and which ~~are embodied such that they serve~~ accommodates, directly or indirectly, ~~to accommodate in particular the~~ cylinder attachment points.

10. (Currently Amended) The profile as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising a connection element~~s can be~~ welded on ~~in the~~ an exposed end region of the ~~exposed~~ profile and ~~ends, embodied in particular with~~ comprising a hollow-box design, wherein ~~the~~ a cross-section of the connection element is adapted to a cross-section of the exposed end region ~~the respective end cross section of the box~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a welded profile for fitting a digger with a backhoe bucket or loading shovel, ~~such as a boom and arms,~~ comprising: ~~by welding the lower flange and the upper flange to the sidewalls,~~; ~~characterized in that~~

welding ~~the~~ sidewalls ~~are connected in particular by means of welding~~ to upper and lower reinforced-profile ~~end~~ corner regions~~;~~; ~~that~~

inserting and welding ~~the~~ a lower flange ~~is inserted~~ between the ~~associated~~ lower reinforced-profile ~~end~~ corner regions; ~~and is welded to it, and that~~

inserting and welding ~~the~~ an upper flange ~~is inserted~~ between the ~~associated~~ upper reinforced-profile ~~end~~ corner regions; and ~~and is welded to it, and that~~

~~wherein the end regions on the upper and lower flange side have a contour designed to form integrated regions for the cylinder attachment points.~~

forming a contour of the welded profile so that the corner regions comprise integrated regions for the cylinder attachment points.

12. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sidewalls and the ~~associated end~~ corner regions are shaped to match ~~the~~ a contour of ~~the respective~~ a connected boom ~~and~~ or arm. ~~, that the end regions which are embodied with higher reinforcement than the sidewalls are provided with cross-section reducing areas in the sidewall region and are connected in the cross-section reducing area by welding it to the respective sidewall~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein ~~the~~ contours of the ~~end~~ corner regions on the lower flange ~~are designed such that they form~~ comprise integrated regions for the cylinder attachment points.

14. (New) The method as defined in claim 11, including forming the corner regions with higher reinforcement than the sidewalls and with reducing cross-sectional areas that are fixed to the respective sidewall.

15. (New) The profile as defined in claim 1, wherein the corner regions are connected by welding to the respective upper flange and lower flange.